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Dear [redacted]

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Thanks very much for your letter of 20 February 1948, and please accept my apologies for not having written you earlier. Needless to say, I had much to do upon my return, in addition to the fact that I have had something very similar to the flu. The film which you wanted has finally been procured and should be in the mail to you in the next day or two, just in case you are getting worried about my large indebtedness to you. The pictures taken on Okinawa are very good ones. Thank you so much for sending them to me, and I will, of course, be anxiously awaiting those which are still left in your camera if any of them turn out.

Your promotion to CAF-12 has been recommended and should be through in a short period of time. I am anxious to know how you are coming out with the question of office space. Please keep me advised on this matter and let me know if you need any pressure from this end in order to accomplish your mission.

I have noted at least one message since I returned that indicates [redacted] have once again sent a message without your concurrence. This indicates to me that it is necessary to get [redacted] out of Tokyo as soon as we possibly can. I hope that some way can be found to take care of the English monitoring without his services. I have advised [redacted] will be transferred to Tokyo some-time prior to the arrival of the new dictaphone equipment, and I should like very much to transfer Fern back to Kauai at that time.

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As for [redacted] my sentiments are as expressed to you while in Tokyo. I will write him within the next few days and try to outline his position with us and will, of course, send you a copy of the letter. I will be very interested to hear from you as to what his attitude is since my talk with him in Tokyo. In his case, I do not believe that it is desirable to have an abrupt termination but rather to allow him plenty of time to establish himself elsewhere, provided, of course, that he establishes with you a reputation of reliability which is satisfactory to you.

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The Administrative Assistant for Kauai has reported to Washington. It is my plan that she will arrive at Kauai not later than 15 April 1948 at which time [] could be relieved. I believe she is very anxious to accept this opportunity to go to Tokyo to relieve []. In this connection, be sure to keep us currently informed of [] intentions in order that we can have her replacement there in plenty of time.

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I am interested to know if you were successful in obtaining a second teletype machine, which, I believe, is necessary for your operation, and if you need any help from me. After brief discussions here, we have concluded that the new dictaphone equipment will probably arrive in Tokyo almost by the time we could send excess equipment from Kauai. Hence, it has been decided not to take any of the excess equipment from Kauai, but rather to struggle along with what you have until the new equipment arrives.

I just today received your message with reference to the dollar payment of your foreign nationals and will do some informal exploratory work in anticipation that GHQ will approve your proposition.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of my recommendations to establish a Far Eastern Monitoring Station on Okinawa. Briefly the situation is this: Money is available to build a major Far East Monitoring Station now. It may not be available after 1 July. In view of this fact, I have abandoned my tentative plan to recommend a small station on Okinawa and have recommended the establishment of a major station on Okinawa in permanent structure if possible, and if not, in temporary structure. This plan has been approved in principle and is now in the hands of the Director. After determination by his office as to whether or not the tenure of Okinawa is certain enough to spend the necessary funds, a definite decision will be made. Right now it looks good, and I believe that we are going to have a station on Okinawa.

You will understand that I do not desire that this information be discussed with anyone except []

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Sincerely,

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